

B3 3. (Twice Amended) The system of claim 1¹₅, wherein said status information retrieved by said status information retrieval means is contained on a second computer physically remote from a first computer on which said status information is stored and accessible via a network.

B4 4. 20. (Twice Amended) An update processing and transmission method, including:
storing status information relating to a commerce-related event;
retrieving said status information;
automatically generating a status message reflective of said status information; and
automatically forwarding said status message to a point where it may be accessed by an interested party.

B5 8. 22. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 20⁶, wherein said status information retrieved is contained on a first computer physically remote from a second computer which stores the status information.

B6 10. 24. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 20⁶, further comprising separately storing said status information.